of this Sangham would be considered only if it formed itself into a co-operative society and if the Director of Agriculture and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommended the grant."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, the same question came before the House during the last session. When the Sangham applied to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for registration, he imposed the condition that the Sangham should get the land assigned by the Revenue Department in its name. From the reply of the Hon. Minister, it is seen that the Revenue Department imposed the condition that the Sangham should get itself registered under the Co-operative Societies Act. Therefore will the Government see that the registration of the Sangham and the assignment to it of the land take place in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The trouble is this. The Sangham is not in existence. Another Sangham has come in its place. That is why we insist that the Sangham should get itself registered under the Co-operative Societies Act."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether the Collector has received any application for the assignment of this land from the landless poor and if received, what action has been taken on it? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Being Malabar district, I presume an application might have come."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of assigning the lands either on lease or absolutely in view of the fact that many of these persons have been cultivating the lands for several years and taxes have been levied on the lands from the time the campaign for Grow More Food started? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" This occupation is by encroachment. The land is on the foreshore of the sea. Other lands will be affected if uncontrolled permission for cultivation is given. If the Sangham is registered as a co-operative society, the Government think that it will be under discipline."

Repairs to the dam across the Mamathur Manimuthar river

* 2010 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal with the Government to repair the dam of Mamathur Manimuthar river in Vriddhachalam taluk which has been recently damaged and to remove the heaps of sand collected there?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is no damage to the anicut and there is no shoaling up of sand in front of it."